I.C.P.O. Bulletin

13-20 May 2011

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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13/05/2011: Alex W1CDC will be active from Georgetown, Guyana, 13-24 May 2011 as 8R1A. He will be active on 80-10m CW, SSB. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

13/05/2011: Michael, DG5LAC, will be signing OZ/homecall from Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland (IOTA EU-171, DIA NJ-001) from 13 to 19 May 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

14/05/2011: The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be taking part in the Mills on the air weekend on 14th and 15th May 2011. They will be operating from Elphin Windmill in Co. Roscommon, Ireland, using the callsign EI2EWM. QSL via EI5EAB. [GB2RS]

14/05/2011: Members of the Radio Club des Fagnes will be active on 14-15 May 2011 as F5KDB/p from the Fort of Leveau (DFCF 59-013), commune of Feignies (CP 59750), canton of Bavay (DDCF 59-08), Department Nord/59 and Province Nord-Pas-de-Calais (DPF 16). Expect activity on all HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

14/05/2011: Look for Michel, F8GGZ/p to be active on 14th May 2011 from the Mill Meynier (DMF 39-045), located in the commune of Macornay (CP 39570), canton Lons le Saunier Canton Sud (DDCF 39-34), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). QRV on 80-10m, propagation permitting, using SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

14/05/2011: Wim, OS1T/ON4CIT, will be active as FJ/OS1T from St. Barthelemy Island (IOTA NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377, WW Loc. FK87OV) on 14-22nd May 2011. QRV on 40-6 metre SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: cendyshop.be/FJ-OS1T.html [OPDX Bulletin]

14/05/2011: Ricky G0LZX, Paul G0WRE and Kev M0TNX will be active as GB0HI on 14th May 2011 from Holy Island [Lindisfarne] (IOTA EU-120, WFF GFF-013). The activation is to publicise the outstanding natural beauty of The Holy Island, and allow amateurs worldwide to have the chance to claim this Island for their IOTA awards, a special QSL card will be available. The team plan to be active on 40-20-17 metres, with the possibility of 15 metres also. SSB, data and if required, CW contacts will be available. They will also be activating the Island for World Flora and Fauna award program. QSL via M0OXO, direct or bureau. Website: m0tnx.co.uk/GB0/ [rsgbiota.org]

14/05/2011: Andy, N8OFS/p QRV again on 6 metres from WW Loc. EN91OR between 2300z 14th May till 0300z 15th May 2011. He will be back in the Caboose at the AC&J Railroad for the K9JK 6 Meter Spring Sprint. Andy will be using a Kenwood TS-60 at 90W to the "DOMINATOR" 5/8 Wave GroundPlane at 29 feet, on 52.525 MHz FM. A contact will also count for Railroad Depots On The Air (RRDOTA) #OH-0001. QSL direct only to N8OFS (see QRZ.com), with SASE/SAE and sufficient postage for return of your card, or via eQSL. [N8OFS]

14/05/2011: 'Dx Plus' Hellenic Amateur Radio Team members Theodoros SV1GRM, Sotirios SV1HER, George SV1RP, Spiros SV1RC, George SV1QN, Giannis SV1GYG and Takis SV2FWV will be active from the Farmakonisi Rocky Islet (IOTA EU-001, WLOTA 3147) on 14-22nd of May 2011. QRV on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL via the RAAG bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/SX5F [rsgbiota.org]

15/05/2011: Vlad, RA9LR, will be active from Langkawi Island (IOTA AS-058), West Malaysia, as 9M2/RA9LR between mid-May to mid-July 2011. QRV on the HF bands using CW, PSK, RTTY and some SSB. QSL via RA9LR (see QRZ.com). [OPDX Bulletin]

15/05/2011: Christophe, F4AQG/p (single-Op and Radio Club F6KED/p (multi-Op) will be active on 15 May 2011 from the Castle of Virant (DFCF 13-047), located in the commune of Lancon de Provence (CP 13680), canton [county] of Pelissanne (DDCF 13-51), Department Bouches du Rhone/13 and Provence Cote d'Azur (DPF 20). They will be QRV on all bands, mainly CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [F4AGQ]

15/05/2011: Juan, F5IRC/p will be active on 15th May 2011 from the Castle of Tourville (DFCF 27-081), located in the commune of Tourville sur Pont Audemer (CP 27500), canton [county] of Pont Audemer (DDCF 27-27), Department Eure/27 and Province Haute Normandie (DPF 11). He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F5IRC]

15/05/2011: Laurent, F8FSC/p will be active on 15th May 2011 from the Castle of Cornod (DFCF 39-028), located in the commune of Cornod (CP 39240), canton of Arinthod (DDCF 39-02), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). QRV on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

15/05/2011: Oreste, IZ8EDJ, along with others will be active on 15 May 2011 from the Sapri Lighthouse (ARLHS ITA-299) and the Scario Lighthouse (ARLHS ITA-079, WAIL CA-011, WAIS EQ53). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [IZ8EDJ - AK1DX]

15/05/2011: John, N5ER will be QRV as SV5/N5ER from the Dodecanese islands (EU-001) from 15-20 May 2011. Activity will be holiday style with focus on the low bands during the evenings and early mornings 20m and down, CW Only. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

17/05/2011: Operators Jindrich OK1AMM, Franta OK1HH and Bohumil OK2BOB will be active as SV9/homecall/p from Agia Marina (WW Loc. KM15XM) on the island of Crete (IOTA EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005) between 1200z 17th May and 0300z 28th May 2011. QRV on all bands (mainly 17/12/10/6 metres) using CW and SSB. The group will operate some days from Agira Gramvousa Island (IOTA EU-187, GIOTA KRS-017, MIA MGC-002, WLOTA 0949) or Gavdos Island (IOTA EU-187, GIOTA KRS-021, MIA MGC-010, WLOTA 1885). QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

17/05/2011: Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as T2XG from the Vaiaku area, Fongafale Islet, Funafuti Atoll, Tuvalu (IOTA OC-015) on 17-24th of May 2011. QRV on 40-10 metres using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or bureau. Website: island.geocities.jp/t2xgtuvalu [OPDX Bulletin]

18/05/2011: Members of the Valle Brembana DX and Contest Team (VBDXC) will be active as IG9E from Lampedusa Island (IOTA AF-019, IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126, WLOTA 2312) from 18-23rd May 2011. Operators will be Enzo IZ2GLU, Fabio IZ2GMT, Andrea IZ2AJE, Diego IW2MZX and Ezio IK2AHB. They plan to have three stations active simultaneously on various bands and modes. Special attention will be given to the 30/17/12 metre bands and the Digital modes. QSL via IK2AHB, by the bureau or direct. Website: www.vbdxc.altervista.org/ [OPDX Bulletin]

19/05/2011: Operators Sten SM6MIS, Rick SM6U, Bengt SM6UQL, Tomas SM6XMY, Pierre SB6A and possibly others will be active as 7S6W from Vinga Island (IOTA EU-043, WLOTA 1517) on 19-22 May 2011. QRV during the afternoon of 19 May until their departure at 1200z on Sunday, 22 May. Plans are to use 4 stations, each with 1kW amplifiers, on SSB, CW and some RTTY. They will also try to be QRV in the Baltic Contest on Saturday night. Further information and updates at: sm6.se/gbgdx [rsgbiota.org]

19/05/2011: John, 9M6XRO, will be visiting the U.K. and the Isle of Man between 19th May and 1st June 2011. He plans to spend the first part until the 28th May in the Isle of Man (IOTA EU-116, WLOTA 0449) - then the latter part in Ayrshire, England (IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). John hopes to put GD3OOK on the air from home base for a last time! QSL via M0URX. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

19/05/2011: Jon, LA8HGA will once again be active as JW8HGA from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (IOTA EU-026, WLOTA 0125) on 19-23 May 2011. Look for him to be QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

20/05/2011: Kev, M0TNX, will once again activate Hilbre Island (IOTA EU-120, WLOTA 2038), in The Dee Estuary, between the 20th and 22nd May 2011, using the callsign GB2HI. Kev will be promoting the diversity of wildlife, and the outstanding natural beauty of The Wirral Penninsula to amateurs worldwide. This event will be SSB, but Kev is happy to provide a CW contact if asked. Bands will be 40/20/17 only, with a comemmorative QSL card. QSL via M0OXO, direct or by the RSGB bureau. Website: www.gb2hi.co.uk/ [rsgbiota.org]

20/05/2011: The Radio Club de los Andes LU8YE reports that during the days 20, 21 and 22 May 2011 will perform a special operation as LU8YE/Y from the shores of Meliquina Lake, located at 45 KM from the city of San Martin de los Andes, from the hotel Amancio (www.amanciohotel.com.ar/). They will work on HF from 80 to 10 metres, using SSB and CW. The contact is valid for the Neuqu?n Club Radio Program "Lakes and ponds of Neuqu?n". For national contacts QSL via LU8YE. For DX contacts QSL via manager EA7FTR.

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LOOKING AHEAD -

21/05/2011: The Radio Club of l'Arala, F5KEQ, will be active as a portable operation from the Castle of La Vergne (DFCF 44-035) and the Mill of Feuillou (DMF 44-025), Department Loire-Atlantique/44 and Province Pays-de-Loire (DPF 17). Plans are to be QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F6GAF]

24/05/2011: Look for Rick, K6VVA and Garry, NI6T to be active from the island of Santa Catalina (IOTA NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912) as K6VVA/6 on 24-26th May 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 40-15 metres, mainly CW, with some SSB. Special plans for ASIA/JA EAGLE station on 25 May !!! (see website). QSL via N6AWD, direct or bureau. Website: www.k6vva.com/iota/na066 [rsgbiota.org]

28/05/2011: Operators Ivan OE1DIA, Jozef OM3GI, Tibi OM3RM and Julo OM7JG will be active as CR3A from Funchal, Madeira Island (IOTA AF-014, DIP MD-001, DPRN FF-101, WFF CTFF-030, WLOTA 0053), as a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (28-29 May). QSL CR3A via CT3EE, direct (see QRZ.com). [NG3K]

28/05/2011: Jay, NS4J, will be in the Buffalo, New York, area for the Memorial Day weekend (28-29th May). He plans to qualify North Island (USi NY044), located in Como Lake, Erie county, State of New York. He'll see if he can remember to connect his antenna this time :-). Jay will use the callsign NS4J or K3USI /p. QSL via NS4J. [USi]

01/06/2011: Look for special event station 8N650HAM to be active between 1st Jund and 30th July 2011 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Amateur Radio for Japanese Nationals in Okinawa (IOTA AS-017, WLOTA 0275), by the Ryukyu Amateur Radio Club. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/06/2011: Joe, W5FJG, will be active as KH4/W5FJG from Midway [aka Sand] Island (IOTA OC-030, USi OI011S, WFF KFF-114) starting on or about 1st June 2011, for 1 year, while on work assignment. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes, in his limited free time. Joe is looking for any donations of multiband verticals, as well as a QSL Manager. If you're interested in being his QSL Manager, please contact him at: joeyjeepusa[at]yahoo[dot]com. A website is also planned which will contain information about the island and operating schedules. Stay tuned! [USi & OPDX Bulletin]

04/06/2011: The Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society will run a Special Event station at the open day in HMS Collingwood on Saturday, 4 June 2011. The callsign to be used is GB6COD, Collingwood Open Day. The station will be operational on all amateur bands from 1.8MHz to 440MHz. The Society headquarters station will be open for viewing from 9.30am to 6pm on the day. A number of demonstrations will be taking place using amateur radio and amateur television. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [GB2RS]

04/06/2011: Members of the Sooland Amateur Radio Association, K0TFT, will be active on 4th June 2011 from Goat Island (USi NE006 & SD004). Goat island is on the border and counts for two islands with one QSO. This operation will also count for Cedar county, North Dakota and Yankton county, South Dakota. Plans are to be QRV 20 metre CW and SSB, on the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via K0TFT (QRZ.com). [USi]

01/07/2011: To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Susono-city, Shizuoka prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan, special event station 8J2SUN will be QRV all bands/modes during the entire month of July 2011. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/07/2011: Between 1st July and 31st October 2011, special event station 8J2YMK(YMK: Yaramaika, or "Let's give it a try," implying a pioneering spirit) will be active to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hamamatsu-city (JCC 1802), by JARL. Hamamatsu is located in Chubu region, Shizuoka prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/07/2011: Special event station 8J7PTA will be active between 1st July and 18th September 2011 for the 43rd Tohoko-block Study Conveniton of Japan National PTA Conference, in Akita, Japan. Akita-city JCC 0401) is located in the Tohoku region, Akita prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

04/07/2011: Russell, G5XW, will be active holiday style as F/G5XW from the island of Noirmoutier (IOTA EU-064, DIFM AT-020, WLOTA 1224) from 4th to 9th of July 2011. No other information was given. QSL direct to home call (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

29/07/2011: Andrew, VK4NM and Peter, VK4LAT will be active as VK4NM/p between 29 July and 1 August 2011 from Fraser Island (IOTA OC-142, WLOTA 2976), QLD, Australia. Their primary activity will be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (30-31st July). QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL direct to M0OXO (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

12/08/2011: Maarten, PA3GZU, will once again be active from Mindanao Island (IOTA OC-130, WLOTA 2803) as DU9/PA3GZU between 12 August and 4 September 2011. He will be QRV on 40-10 metre SSB and PSK31 using TS520SE and TH6DXX. QSL via

home call, bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

13/05/2011: Henri, TJ3AY is currently active as TJ3IC until 30th May 2011 to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the independence of Cameroon. Expect Henri to be QRV on all HF bands. A special QSL card is via F5LGE, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

14/05/2011: Special callsign TM90LH will be in use again on 14-15 May, 4-5 June and 9-10 July 2011 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Societe Havraise de Telegraphie Sans Fil (F6KOH), one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in France. QSL via F6KOH. [425 DX News]

14/05/2011: Members of the Laurel Amateur Radio Club will be active on 14 May 2011 as W3P to celebrate the Waterfront Festival at the Piney Point lighthouse (ARLHS USA-601, WW Loc. FM18RD), St. Mary's County, State of Maryland. QRV on 40, 20 and 17 metre, SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to KA3UNQ (QRZ.com). [OPDX Bulletin]

15/05/2011: On Sunday May 15th 2011, radio operators of the Radio club of Binche (ON7RY) with the help of their colleagues of the Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society (MKARS) will be on the air from the historic place of Bletchley Park (Buckinghamshire), England, using the special callsign M/ON4WAR. QRV CW only on 3.566 - 3.583 MHz and 7.006 - 7.012 - 7.016 - 7.025 MHz. The transceivers used for this event will be essentially replicas of the Whaddon MK VII (Paraset) constructed by amateurs radio of the Radio club of Binche (Belgium). QSLs either direct or via ON7RY. [F5NQL]

15/05/2011: On Monday 16th May 2011, the Lincoln Short Wave Club will be operating G5FZ on the 80m band as near to 3.617 as conditions allow. The transmissions will commence at precisely 21.39 - the time the first wave of nine Lancaster bombers of RAF 617 Squadron, led by Wing Commander Guy Gibson, took off on the night of 16/17 May 1943, to attack the Mohne, Sorpe and Eder Dams in Germany using Barnes Wallace's famous 'bouncing bomb'. Transmissions will cease at 01.39 - this is the time the Mohne Dam was breached by the fifth Lancaster flown by Flt Lt D J H Maltby, the rest of the bombers went on to attack the Sorpe and Eder dams. This will probably go down in history as the most daring attack ever undertaken by Bomber Command, immortalised by the famous film The Dam Busters. All nineteen aircraft took off in three waves from RAF Scampton, this is less than a mile from our club shack. There will be a limited edition QSL card sent to all contacts. [Southgate ARC]

16/05/2011: Between 16 May and 22 May 2011, TCSWAT will be on the air as TC130ATA, to celebrate the 130th birth anniversary of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. They will also activate special callsign TC1919ATA to commemorate the start of the Turkish war of independence. The team will be TA7EB, TA7BC, TA3AX, TA2RX, TB2MYE and TA1HZ, working from Canakkale-Istanbul and Giresun. QSL via TA1HZ. [Southgate ARC]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

14/06-20/06 MS0INT: Berneray Island WLOTA:0756 QSL M0URX (d/b)
14/06-20/06 MS0INT: Grimsay Island WLOTA:3254 QSL M0URX (d/b)
14/06-20/06 MS0INT: Monach Island WLOTA:3145 QSL M0URX (d/b)
14/06-20/06 MS0INT: North-Uist WLOTA:3287 QSL M0URX (d/b)
14/06-28/06 V25DD: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL K9UK (d/b)

14/06-28/06 V25DR: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL W9DR (d/b)
14/06-28/06 V25TP: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL W9AEB (d/b)
17/06-21/06 MU/EA1AP: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL HC (d/b)
17/06-21/06 MU/EA1SA: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL HC (d/b)
18/06-23/06 K2EFG/P: Fire Island WLOTA:1922 QSL HC (d/b)
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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

W9MSE - Jeff - 4* - May 14, 2011 to May 17, 2011 - CW Only
Planned trip to MN to run some counties with W0GXQ.
Leave Fond du Lac, WI about 1200-1230Z Friday, May 14. WI: FDL, Green Lake, Marquette, Adams, Juneau, Monroe, LaCrosse. MN: Houston, Winona, then meet W0GXQ about 1700Z.
The rest of Saturday and Sunday, can be found in the trip posted by W0GXQ.
Return on either Monday (May 16) or Tuesday (May 17). Possible route is the following. MN: Brown, Watonwan, Martin. IA: Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Clayton. WI: Crawford, Richland, Sauk, Iowa, Dane, Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac. However this return route may be changed depending on time, weather, etc. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

N8KIE - Robert - 3* - 5/19/2011 to 5/20/2011 - SSB Only
To the Dayton handset. ..Mich ...Oakland, Livingston, Wastenaw, Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale ...Ohio ..Fulton, Williams, defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Mercer ... Indiana...Adams, Jay, Randolph, Wayne, Union, Franklin, Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland ... 5/20 .. Ohio ... Hamilton, Butler, Preble, Miami, Monrtgomery, at the show.. 2100z .. Miami, Darke, Shelby, Auglaize, Allen, Putnam and Henry. [County Hunter Web]
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6 METRES & UP -

14/05-15/06 K9JK Spring Sprint 50 MHz
14/05-22/05 FJ/OS1T: St. Barthelemy NA-146 Grid:FK87 50115USB QSL HC (d/b)
14/05-15/06 N8OFS/P: Caboose portable - K9JK Sprint 52.525FM QSL HC (d)
15/05-16/05 NJ0W/M: South of Marfa, TX Grid:DM70/80/DL79/89 50.125USB 50.245m/s FSK441 250w 5el yagi 15 1530z-16 1100z QSL HC (d)
17/05 LY 1296MHz Activity Contest
17/05 RSGB 2.3GHz UKAC
17/05-28/05 SV9/OK1AMM/P: Crete EU-015 Grid: KM15XM 6m 100W QSL HC (d/b)
17/05-28/05 SV9/OK1HH/P: Crete EU-015 Grid: KM15XM 6m 100W QSL HC (d/b)
17/05-28/05 SV9/OK2BOB/P: Crete EU-015 Grid: KM15XM 6m 100W QSL HC (d/b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_may.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 10 May, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

CO - CUBA -
CO2NO Gustavo and CO2WL L?zaro activity in May Volta Contest on RTTY Single op All band. QSL via HA3JB direct (SAE): Gabor Kutasi, H-8601 Si?fok, P.O.Box 243. Hungary. Please write on your QSL card e-mail address, If I received your QSL I will sent an e-mail feedback. [HA3JB]

QSLs via Bureau: 3D2NB, 3W6C, 5K?CW, 9Q/DK3MO, 9X?LX, A25OOK, BD9AC, C56SMT, H4?FN, JW/OZ7AM, S79UCX, T27A, T88RP, TX1B, V63PR, VY?O and VY?V.

QSLs via Direct: 1A?KM (IK?FTA), 5N?NHD, (JK1UKY), 5N41NHD (JK1UKY), 5N42NHD (JK1UKY), 7P8KDJ (W5KDJ), 9L?W (DK2WV), 9M2CNC (G4ZFE), CT3FT (QRZ.com), DK1MAX (QRZ.com), E21EJC (QRZ.com), EU3AR (QRZ.com), FG5FR (QRZ.com), J28RO (F8FDP), JY5CC (QRZ.com), K8LEE/CY? (donation), KP4DKE (QRZ.com), N?TG/CY? (donation), N1SNB/CY? (donation), OD5NJ (EA5BYP), PJ2T (N9AG), PJ4A (K4BAI), PJ4B (PA8A), PJ7DX (I8NHJ), R1ANP (RW1AI), RW1AI/MM (hc), T3?AQ (SP5EAQ), VK4LDS/P [OC-171] (VK8PDX), VK9C/G6AY (OQRS), VU4PB (W3HNK), XX9TLX (DK7LX), YS?IARU (QRZ.com) and ZD9T (DJ2EH).

QSLs via LoTW: 3XY6A, 3XY8A, 4A4A, 4J3M, 6V6U, 6W6/K3IPK, 9M2CNC, 9N7AN, CP6XE, DF5KE, EA1DLU, F5SIB, FG4NO, G?WRE, HK6K, JT5DX, JY5CC, OX3XR, P4?V, P4?YL, P49V, PJ4R, PP5XX, PZ5YV, SM2EKM, SN3S, SV1EBV, T33C, TA3X, UA6JAJ, UT3IB, UX?FF, UX1UA, VP8ORK, YW?DX and ZS6BCR.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

4W6A TIMOR-LESTE (EAST TIMOR) DXPEDITION SEPTEMBER 16 - 26, 2011
www.4w6a.com
PRESS RELEASE NUMBER 3 - May 11, 2011

Everything is on schedule for the 4W6A DXpedition. All the team members have now booked and paid for their air tickets from the UK, Malaysia and Australia to Dili, East Timor. A boat has been chartered to take the team and their equipment from Dili to Atauro Island, the site of the DXpedition, and back again. The accommodation on the island has been booked and the team members are now also booking their overnight transit stops in Bali, Darwin and Dili.

The DXpedition will be operating from generators which will be hired and picked up in Dili the day before the start of the operation. The generators have been booked and arrangements have been put in place for sufficient fuel to be transported to the island for our use whenever necessary.

It is hoped to be able to use an Internet connection on the island and, if this proves to be reliable, logs will be uploaded to Club Log (www.clublog.org) and Logbook of The World on a daily basis.

The team is very grateful to the LA DX Group, CDXC (Chiltern DX Club) - The UK DX Foundation, the Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group, and the Northern Ohio DX Association, who are the first four DX associations to have offered sponsorship to the 4W6A DXpedition. Thanks too go to Tony Burt, VK3TZ, of Rippletech Electronics (http://www.rippletech.com.au), who is kindly loaning three monoband vertical antennas for use on the DXpedition. We are also very grateful to a growing number of individuals who have also made donations towards the cost of shipping equipment to East Timor, the boat charter, the hire of the generators and the cost of fuel. All sponsors

are listed, with thanks, on the 4W6A website at http://www.4w6a.com/sponsors.html. If you or your DX club also wish to help, there is a "Donations" page on the 4W6A website. Payments may be made by credit or debit card and you do not need to have a PayPal account yourself in order to make a donation.

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May 2011 will be the month for chasing castles and stately homes on air. The weekend of the 21st and 22nd will be the international castles weekend from 1am on the 21st to 11pm on the 22nd. For UK stations, information can be found at www.cashota.co.uk as well as links to regional activity. The website now allows interested amateurs to complete activation forms online. [GB2RS]

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